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1. Prior to December 1950, a VP interpreter school was located in the Infanterie Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse, Leipzig-Gohlis. It was planned to move the school to Holzdorf near Weimar, in order that the enrollment could be increased from the December complement of 62 to 100 students. The school employed 14 instructors. The male students at the school came from VP schools and VP Bereitschaften, and the female students came from the HVA. Most of the students had no previous knowledge of Russian.
2. The monthly curriculum prescribed 32 to 35 hours of politico-cultural indoctrination, 70 to 75 hours of Russian, 2 to 4 hours of German, 3 to 6 hours of arithmetic, 2 to 3 hours of practice firing, 2 to 4 hours of athletics, 1 or 2 hours of instruction on service regulations, 1 to 5 hours of map reading, 6 to 10 hours of tactical instruction, and 3 to 4 hours of basic training. The general directives issued by the HVA called for a total of 1,670 hours of instruction during one course in accordance with the aforementioned schedule. The current course started 11 September 1950 and is to end 1 September 1951. During this period the students are to learn military terminology so that they will be qualified to be interpreters on the staff of high operational headquarters; they are to hold a rank not lower than that of a VP Rat. At the opening ceremony on 11 September 1950, VP Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann said that the course would probably be shortened, and demanded that the first group of interpreters be trained and available for assignment in eight months.
3. Officers and instructors on the school staff included VP Kommandeur Mayer, school commandant; VP Oberrat Josef Fritsch, deputy school commandant and PK officer; VP Oberkommissar Werner Woelk, chief PK instructor;

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VP Rat Seifert, director of training and simultaneously in charge of the 3d Class; VP Kommissar Erika Idner, Russian language instructor, in charge of the 1th Class; VP Oberkommissar Guenther Paul, in charge of the 2nd Class and Russian language teacher [redacted]

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[redacted] VP Oberkommissar Sadnicek, instructor in charge of the 4th Class; VP Kommissar Rohrmann, PK instructor; and VP Kommissar Werner Plesse, instructor of German, arithmetic and geography. *

* [redacted] Comment. Other reports confirmed that the interpreter school of the HVA moved to Holzdorf near Weimar in January 1951.

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